

Do Now: You've become educated and informed about a topic and now you want to share your opinion. How would you get the word out that you were knowledgeable about the topic? What methods would you use to convince others to agree with you?

Discussion: Each section was different but each included lots of different ideas, from creating a website to going on a speaking tour. The big ideas were that you needed to reach a lot of people, present your ideas calmly (not yell at people), and have facts and evidence to support your position. Most of the ideas we came up with required you to write out your position, so we transitioned to talking about...

The 4 Cs of good writing!

Good writing must...

...be clear

- legible, able to be read
- have correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation
- have sentences that make sense, even when read by themselves
- be organized (have "flow")
 - similar or related information must be kept together
 - one idea leads to the next idea

...be complete

- state the obvious, even if it seems really basic or simple
- define your vocab
- explain everything, including how and why your opinion is correct

...have content

- this is the information, not what you feel
- supported by evidence
 - facts – information that does not change and cannot be refuted
 - people
 - events

...be concise

- keep it short, but thoughtful
- get to the point!
- cut out extra fluff
- make sure everything is connected to your main point

Homework: With the 4 Cs of good writing in mind, go back to your paragraph from last night and rewrite it to make it better. Where do you need to add information? Where do you have information you don't think you need? If you read it out loud, are there places where you stumble? If so, that might be a place where you need some revision.